

I am a 3rd. generation Oregon, dry-land wheat farmer. I am writing to request Oregon be granted a "2 year renewable exemption" from the Federal regulations that require federal inspection of our farm trucks.

The majority of the farm trucks in Oregon are small, 10,000lb. single axle trucks. I use two of this type of trucks --3 weeks for harvest and 2 weeks for seeding. About 15 years ago, I was part of a state wide study to see how many miles these trucks are driven each year -- it was about 500 miles. Since that time, I feel that the yearly average has declined. Instead of driving 5 miles to a small local elevator (3 miles on a county gravel road and 2 on a state paved road), I store a majority of my grain in "on farm storage". I now use PUC semi-trucks to haul my grain directly to a terminal on the Columbia River.

I do my own oil and lubrication, but the brakes, tires, steering ect. are done by certified mechanics. As a businessman, any truck problems during harvest and seeding would have a very negative impact on my "bottom line".

Please consider granting this exemption.